Demand for Institutional Finance by Indian Film Industry

4473. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian film Industry has submitted any demand for institutional finance ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes Sir. The film industry in its representation dated 29-6-92 to the Planning Commission, inter alia demanded for institutional finance also. This was, in fact, one of the recommendations of the high powered committee which studied the various problems of the film industry.

(b) The demand was earlier examined by the Finance Ministry in consultation with the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and Reserve Bank of India (RBI). While there is no restriction on the banks granting loans to the film related sector, this is not a priority sector for the banks. Moreover, because of the uncertainity about the success of a film which depends on several factors, banks generally do not risk in pooling their resources in this sector. This is also the case with financial institutions at national and state levels. Further, these institutions also do not have the expertise to evaluate a film project to assess its marketability and the returns. Financial assistance is, however, provided by the IDBI to the film processing laboratories etc. and for projects of cinema equipments. The units engaged in film related activities are eligible for refinance assistance and are, therefore, eligible for modernisation assistance also.

Dubbing of Serial in Doordarshan

4474. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether with a view to promoting cultural integration of the country, Government propose dubbing of quality entertainment serials in different regional languages into Hindi for transmission through Delhi Metro Channel and the National Network ; and

(b) if so, the details of such quality serials dubbed in Hindi so far and what further steps are being taken in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No, Sir, at present there is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

आकाशवाणी केन्द्रों की स्थापना

4475. श्री महेश्वर सिंह : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में जिन 84 आकाशवाणी केन्द्रों की स्थापना की जानी थी उनका राज्य-वार और स्थान-वार ब्यौरा क्या है तथा कौन-कौन से केन्द्र किस-किस तारीख को देश को समर्पित किए गए ;

(ख) उक्त केन्द्रों के अलावा आकाशवाणी के कितने केन्द्र तकनीकी दृष्टि से चालू करने के लिए तैयार हैं ; और

(ग) शेष कितने केन्द्र हैं और वे चालू किए जाने के लिए कब तक तैयार हो जायेंगे ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंहदेव) (क) : जैसाकि विवरण में दिया गया है (नीचे देखिए) ।

(ख) 10 रेडियो केन्द्र तकनीकी दृष्टि से चालू करने के लिए तैयार हैं ।

(ग) शेष 28 रेडियो केन्द्रों को पूरा करने की लक्ष्य की तारीखें विवरण II में दी गई हैं ।